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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2005-06
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of the public transit services in the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2005-06.
2. Approve the County's \$2,874,000 share of the costs of the transit services to be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds.
3. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority of the County's share of the cost of the transit services on a quarterly basis.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for the continuation of public transit services for residents of the unincorporated County areas of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

On February 25, 1992, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to arrange for a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale creating an agency to be known as the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) to provide for planning, contracting, and operating the public transit services in the Antelope Valley. The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was established on April 1, 1992. This action will provide for the continuation of these services for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness by mobilizing a collaborative effort with the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to meet the public's transit needs in a responsive manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the AVTA is required to submit an annual capital and operating budget to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement member agencies for their approval. The preliminary budget amounts provided by AVTA staff for Fiscal Year 2005-06 are as follows:

	<u>AVTA Total Cost</u>	<u>AVTA Total Cost Less Farebox</u>	<u>County Share</u>
Local Service	\$11,925,000	\$ 9,977,000	\$2,149,000
Commuter Services	2,866,000	1,326,000	207,000
Urban Dial-A-Ride	1,562,000	2,477,000	296,000
Rural Dial-A-Ride	<u>289,000</u>	<u>246,000</u>	<u>222,000</u>
	\$16,642,000	\$13,026,000	\$2,874,000

The County's share of the cost for these services less farebox revenue is \$2,874,000. The cost of the County's share of the services, less grant funds, will be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds. To help offset the cost of the services, the AVTA will be receiving funding assistance such as various Federal Transit Administration and State grants, Proposition A Discretionary and Proposition A Incentive grants. The County's estimated jurisdictional share of the grants is \$1,932,000. Accordingly, the County's cost, less grants, for Fiscal Year 2005-06 is estimated to be \$942,000. There will be no impact on net County costs.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon your approval, we will inform the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the continuation of the program.

The operation and financing of the AVTA will continue to be governed under the auspices of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On June 3, 1997, Synopsis 67, your Board found these services categorically exempt pursuant to the Class I category provided under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Appendix G of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to us and forward one copy to County Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel